

Whitley Bay High School - GCSE Grades Statement

Following media reports regarding A Level results and the impact of the Ofqual algorithm on our Yr.13 grades, understandably a number of Yr.11 students and parents have contacted me concerned about the GCSE grades due out on Thursday.

While we do not know the impact of the Ofqual algorithm on our GCSE Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs), I am making this statement now to try to reassure students and parents. For entry to our Sixth Form courses, we have decided to use the Centre Assessed Grades we submitted to the exam boards.

Therefore, on results day if your exam board grade is lower than the Centre Assessed Grade that we submitted we will use the CAG for your admission to the Sixth Form.

On results day we will send you, by e-mail, your exam board grades at 8 am and then your Centre Assessed Grades at 8.15 am to allow you to compare the two. We will use the higher grade of the two when discussing your entry to the Sixth Form.

For students not attending Whitley Bay High Sixth Form, we will provide you with a letter on headed paper highlighting your Centre Assessed Grades and stating we consider these an accurate reflection of your progress at KS4. This will give you the information to enable you to discuss your future options with colleges, employers or apprenticeship providers.

On results day we hope to provide you with as much guidance as possible about the appeals process regarding either your exam board grades or Centre Assessed Grades. However, as we are still awaiting official guidance about A Level appeals, I fear this may be delayed.

I hope what we intend to do reassures to some extent. Awaiting exam results is an anxious time under normal circumstances, let alone under these unique and uncertain times.

Thank you

Steve Wilson
Headteacher